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TREASURY PASS BOB HARLOW

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EFIN, UK, US

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON FACTORS BEHIND U.S. EMPLOYMENT CREATION

1. SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, MP, SHADOW CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, WROTE TO TREASURY REP CITING THE ARTICLE IN THE ECONOMIST, APRIL 29 EDITION ON PAGE 96, ENTITLED, "THE JOBS ARE IN AMERICA". TEXT OF HOWE'S LETTER READS AS FOLLOWS:

"I HAVE NO DOUBT YOU SAW THE ATTACHED NOTE IN
LAST WEEK'S ECONOMIST ABOUT YOUR THRIVING ECONOMY.

"AT A TIME WHEN IT IS FASHIONABLE, PARTICULARLY
IN THIS COUNTRY, TO ARGUE THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION IS HOPELESS, THAT ALL INVESTMENT DESTROYS JOBS,
ETC., IT WOULD BE MOST INTERESTING TO KNOW IF YOU ARE
AWARE OF ANY ANALYSES OF WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN THE
UNITED STATES' ECONOMY WHICH WOULD HELP US IDENTIFY
PRESCRIPTIONS THAT MIGHT BE OF WIDER APPLICATION.
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"IT WOULD EVEN BE HELPFUL IF THE MATERIAL WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED SERVED ONLY TO ADD CREDIBILITY TO MY OWN PREJUDICES."

2. WE HAVE PROVIDED SIR GEOFFREY WITH A COPY OF THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ECONOMIC REPORT, REFERRING HIM SPECIFICALLY TO CHAPTER 4 ON INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: HOWE'S REQUEST FOR MATERIAL IS RATHER WIDE. THIS SAID, EMBASSY WOULD BE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR COPIES OF WHATEVER RECENT STUDIES MIGHT BE AVAILABLE IN THE U.S. CONCERNING FACTORS BEHIND JOB CREATION, ESPECIALLY IF THEY ALSO RELATE TO INVESTMENT AND IDENTIFY PRESCRIPTIONS OF WIDER APPLICATION. PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLE WHAT STUDIES ARE AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO PERMIT A PRELIMINARY REPLY TO SIR GEOFFREY AND FORWARD COPIES OF STUDIES TO JAMES E. AMMERMAN, U.S. TREASURY REP, LONDON.

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